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Title: **Releasable Connection Between Two Adjoining Body Shell Parts Of A Vehicle Body And Method Of Using Same**

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Sir:

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German Patent Document DE 1 277 042 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

An English abstract and U.S. counterpart (USP 5,788,395) of German Patent No. DE 196 21 746 are submitted herewith.

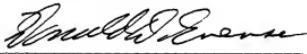
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AA	5,788,395	08/04/1998	GRIESER et al.	403	231	05/30/1996
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	TRANSLATION	
						Sub-Class	Yes No
	AK	DE 1 277 042	09/05/1968	GALLASCH et al.			No
	AL	DE 196 21 746	12/05/1996	VALANCE et al.			Yes
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)						
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